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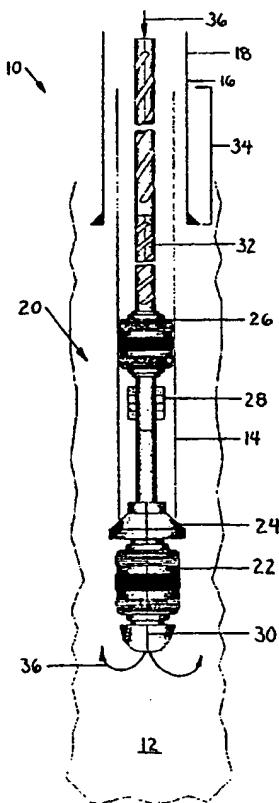
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(57) Abstract: A bottom plug and a method of using a bottom plug for forming a mono diameter wellbore casing (14) is provided that includes an expandable packer (22) initially attached below an expansion device (24). A packer setting mechanism (40) is coupled between the expansion device (24) and the packer (22) for expanding a packer (22) and sealingly setting it in an expanded portion (38) of the wellbore casing (14). A release mechanism (52) is coupled between the expansion device (24) and the packer (22) for releasing packer (22) from the expansion device (24). Fluid (36) is pumped into the casing (14) between the cone (24) and the packer (22) to force the expansion device (24) into and through an unexpanded portion of casing (14), thereby expanding the casing (14).

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